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HON. F. W. G. HAULTAIN OUTLINES HIS POLICY



Hon. F. W. G. HAULTAIN,
Leader of the Provincial Rights Party.

The Former Premier States His Attitude
in Regard to Schools and Lands--What His
Test Case Policy Will Result in---The
Much Discussed Question of Boundaries

Introductory Note.

Many and varied and contradictory statements having been made on the public platform, in the press, and put into circulation by private canvass as to what is Mr. Haultain's policy upon the important issues before the electors of Saskatchewan in the present election, this leaflet is issued in order to clear up these misunderstandings and misstatements by quoting Mr. Haultain's own words as to what his policy is. The electors of Saskatchewan are respectfully asked to accept Mr. Haultain's own personal statements as to his policy rather than second hand explanations by partisan platform stumpers or expert electioneer canvassers.

In order to make Mr. Haultain's position perfectly clear his policy is given in his own words, as enunciated by him in official documents, letters, speeches and newspaper interviews. That Mr. Haultain's utterances may be clearly set forth without making these extracts too long, his statements have been put in as replies in an imaginary conversation with an elector seeking information. The questions are imaginary but the replies are in Mr. Haultain's own words.

SASKATCHEWAN ELECTOR—"Mr. Haultain, I am desirous of casting an intelligent vote at the approaching Provincial elections and in order to do so I would be obliged if you would answer certain questions. First, is the present school system a satisfactory one; are you in favor of changing it?"

MR. HAULTAIN—"The present system has been worked out as we found it, and there is no indication that the Provinces would desire to change it. I AM SATISFIED WITH THE WAY IN WHICH IT IS WORKING OUT. IF I WERE MADE DICTATOR TO-MORROW I WOULD NOT CHANGE IT."—(*Interview with Toronto Globe, Feb. 25, 1905.*)

SASKATCHEWAN ELECTOR—"Holding the view that the present school system is quite satisfactory and opposed, as you say, to altering it, did you ever take any steps while Premier of the Territories to have this excellent system retained in and guaranteed to the new Provinces?"

MR. HAULTAIN—"Section 2 of my Draft Bill provides that: "On, from and after the said first day of January, 1903, the provisions of the British North America Act 1867, * * * shall be applicable to the Province of (Saskatchewan) in the same way and to the same extent as they apply to the several Provinces of Canada AND AS IF THE PROVINCE OF (SASKATCHEWAN) HAD BEEN ONE OF THE PROVINCES ORIGINALLY UNITED BY THE SAID ACT."

SASKATCHEWAN ELECTOR—"Having, therefore, in this formal and official manner asked the Dominion Parliament to perpetuate the present school law in the new Province, what is the object of your Test Case? How will it be taken and what will it accomplish?"

MR. HAULTAIN—"It would go the usual course, our own court, then the Supreme Court at Ottawa, and finally go before the Privy Council. Some fine day in a stuffy room in London, five or six gentlemen would argue the case and the case would be finally decided, the judgment given out, and we would hear it, THAT IS ALL THAT WOULD HAPPEN."
—(*Speech at Saskatoon, Sept. 19, 1905.*)

SASKATCHEWAN ELECTOR—"But if it should so happen that the judges of the Privy Council decided in favor of your Test Case, what will you do with regard to the separate schools?"

MR. HAULTAIN—"That is a quibble, and the question of the coercionists; that is an attempt to draw a herring across the trail, that is an attempt of the coercionists to crowd the issue. It is not a question of what we shall do when we are free, it is a question of trying to become free."—(*Speech at Saskatoon, Sept. 19, 1905.*)

SASKATCHEWAN ELECTOR—"Now in regard to the lands, what is your opinion of the action of the Dominion Parliament in retaining control of the lands and paying cash subsidies in lieu of them?"

MR. HAULTAIN—"I am not unwilling to admit that an IMMEDIATE INCOME INCREASING WITH POPULATION AND CERTAIN IN AMOUNT, may in the long run prove quite as satisfactory as any PROBABLE NET INCOME resulting from local administration of the public domain."—(*Official Letter of Protest to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, March 11, 1905.*)

SASKATCHEWAN ELECTOR—"As one desirous of becoming Premier of Saskatchewan you, of course, occupy a similar position to those taken by Mr. Roblin and Mr. Bennett in favor of your own Province containing as much territory as possible, and, in opposing the western extension of Manitoba's boundary you also are opposed to the eastward extension of Alberta's boundary?"

MR. HAULTAIN—"I must state my opinion that the dividing line between the two Provinces (Alberta and Saskatchewan) should have been placed AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE MILES FARTHER EAST."
—(*Official Letter of Protest to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, March 11, 1905.*)